



Indiana Department of Education

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Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction

Title I Updates

September 2014

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NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ESEA WAIVER

The United States Department of Education granted Indiana a waiver from certain aspects of the federal No Child Left Behind law. In addition, all conditions were removed from Indiana's waiver. This will give local schools continued flexibility in how they utilize federal funding and allow more funding decisions to be made at the local level.

In response to this news, Glenda Ritz, Indiana's Superintendent of Public Instruction issued the following statement:

"On behalf of Indiana's schools, I am incredibly pleased to learn that our waiver request has been granted. This news means that local schools throughout our state will receive much needed flexibility in how they utilize their federal dollars. This waiver extension also will allow Indiana to have continued flexibility in how we measure student performance and growth.

"During my time as Superintendent, we have adopted the highest standards in Indiana history, modernized ISTEP and begun the process to strengthen our accountability system. Additionally, we have put in place a strong and positive grassroots system of outreach and support for Indiana schools. Today's decision by the United States Department of Education validates the work that we have done.

"I want to thank the members of the Indiana Department of Education for the incredible work they did to get this waiver for our schools. I truly appreciate their efforts as they work alongside educators, parents, community leaders and local organizations to meet the needs of Indiana's children."

Indiana's ESEA Flexibility Waiver can be found on the IDOE website: <http://www.doe.in.gov/esea>



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GMMR and Fiscal Updates

SY 2013-2014 Funds

- Sept 30th – Last day to expend the SY 2013-14 funds
- Oct 15th – Last day to request reimbursement for SY 2013-14 funds
- Oct 30th – Final expenditure report due for 2013-14 grant

Title I Reports and Due Dates

September 2014

- **Sept. 19th—DOE-TI Report Data collection window CLOSES Friday, September 19th**
 - If you have not already done so, we encourage you to submit your data as early as possible. The STN Application Center can be found via the following link: <https://ac.doe.in.gov/appcenter/login.aspx>
 - Please note: this link is different from the Online Title I Application Center and requires a different login.
 - Please email STN questions directly to stn_support@doe.in.gov.
 - Please email Title I-specific questions to lreedus@doe.in.gov.
- Sept. 30th—Last day to expend FY 2014 funds for: Title I, Part A; Title I, Part D; School Improvement 1003(a); School Improvement 1003(g); 1003 (g) ARRA

October 2014

- Oct. 1st—Due date for all superintendents to submit Certificate of Assurances as required by Section 9524 of NCLB
- Oct. 3rd—Title I, Part D Final Report Data collection window (Oct 3rd-Nov.21st 2014—tentative)
- Oct. 15th—Due date for Comparability Report (from all districts whose corporation number ends in five (5)) as required by Section 1120 A (c) of NCLB.

Professional Development

The 2014 AdvancED Indiana Fall Conference: Dr. Mark Elgart, AdvancED CEO, will keynote on **Monday, Sept. 8th**, providing a visionary view of how educational entities can forge a new direction that could be the most transformative and innovative in the history of education. **On Tuesday, Sept. 9th** Kristina Smekens will begin the day with her keynote on "Making Rigor a Reality." In addition to presentations on the AdvancED process and IDOE updates, during the 56 breakout sessions. **To register or for more information, go to** <http://www.advanc-ed.org/services/professional-learning>, click on Explore our Professional Learning Calendar, select Indiana and then click on AdvancED Indiana Fall Conference.

Education Service Centers will be offering RISE Teacher Evaluation Training between June 2014 and September 2014. The remaining training will be held in Indianapolis : Central Indiana ESC: **September 18-19, 2014** <http://www.ciesc.k12.in.us>

October 23-25, 2014--WIDA 2014 National Conference, Atlanta, Georgia. To register or for more information go to <http://www.widaconference.us/>

Educator Workshops and Conversations to Advance Global Learning in Indiana Schools. How global is Indiana? What global skills and competencies are employers seeking in growth industries? Join us for the first in a series of nine regional workshops. **Tuesday, September 23, 8:30 to 12:30 Educator Workshop** at Indiana Farm Bureau Headquarters, 225 South East Street, Indianapolis 46202. **To register, contact Caterina Blitzer at** cblitzer@doe.in.gov (317) 232-9175 no later than 9/16/14.

The United Health Foundation for overall health, IMAGINE Kick-off Conference will be held on **October 29th, 2014** at The Orchard School in Indianapolis. Any public or private middle school is eligible to send a team of four students and a mentor teacher. The IMAGINE Program includes a pre-conference Teacher Workshop on October 8th and a Recognition Celebration in early spring. In addition to the conference. **For more info and to register go to:** www.imaginemiddleschoolprogram.com



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Topic of the Month

Appropriate Use of Title I Instructional Staff

Our office recognizes that many districts continue to struggle with the issue of maintaining an adequate number of available substitute teachers. As a result, many alternatives have been considered as potential solutions to the substitute shortage. The following clarification of Title I regulations concerning the use of Title I staff was originally distributed in 2010 and remains in effect.

Use of Title I Instructional Staff for Subbing

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide instruction to Title I students to enable them to meet high standards expected of all children • Subbing may only be performed by Title I personnel during <u>non-teaching</u> period, such as planning periods | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Title I classes may not be cancelled</i> to allow Title I staff to be sub teachers in an emergency situation • Title I personnel may be assigned <u>non-instructional</u> duties, such as; cafeteria, recess, buses—if similarly placed personnel are not paid by Title I at the same school site are assigned these duties |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before an LEA uses Title I personnel for sub teaching for a planning period, during an emergency situation and <i>it must ensure that similarly placed personnel are also used for sub teaching</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools may use funds to hire or pay for rotating subs to release teachers for job-embedded PD purposes. Use of funds must support collaboration or PD activities that are directly related strategies for meeting the needs of Title I students. |

Coming soon...

- Updated website
- Updated Fiscal Handbook
- New Title I Handbook

...be on the lookout!

Have you joined the IDOE - Title I Learning Connection Community?

You can find lots of great resources for Title I – from Schoolwide Plans to Cycle Monitoring to archived Newsletters and PD. Join today: [Learning Connection](#)

Title I Successes: #makingithappen

If you would like to see your corporation or school featured in a #makingithappen Title I Update, please email acarnahan@doe.in.gov with information about your Title I successes.